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Mr. William F. Caton
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Re: MM Docket No. 97-96
(RM-8756)
Amendment of Television Table of
Allotments
Johnstown and Jeannette, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Caton:

Submitted herewith for filing, on behalf of our client, Venture Technologies Group, Inc., licensee of Television Station WTWB(TV), Channel 19, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and the Petitioner for reallocation of Channel 19 from Johnstown to Jeannette, Pennsylvania, are an original and four (4) copies of its Supplement Submission in the above-referenced proceeding.

Please direct any inquiries concerning this submission to the undersigned and to the following co-counsel for Venture Technologies Group, Inc.:

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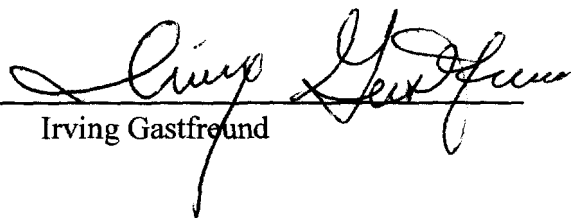
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Enclosures

BEFORE THE
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In the Matter of)	
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Amendment of Section 73.606(b))	MM Docket No. 97-96
Table of Allotments)	RM-8756
TV Broadcast Stations)	
(Johnstown and Jeannette, Pennsylvania))	

TO: Chief, Allocations Branch,
Policy and Rules Division,
Mass Media Bureau

SUPPLEMENTAL SUBMISSION OF
VENTURE TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, INC.

VENTURE TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, INC. ("VTG") , licensee of Television Station WTWB(TV), Channel 19, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and the party who is the Petitioner in this case, by its attorneys, hereby submits its Supplemental Submission in the above-captioned proceeding. In support whereof, it is shown as follows:

In its Notice of Proposed Rule Making in the above-captioned matter, DA 97-540 (Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau, released March 21, 1997), the Allocations Branch, at the request of VTG, proposed the reallocation of Channel 19+ from Johnstown, Pennsylvania, to Jeannette, Pennsylvania. The Allocations Branch found that Channel 19+ can be allotted to Jeannette, Pennsylvania, in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction. The Allocations Branch further noted in its Notice of Proposed Rule Making that the Commission's consideration of the proposed Jeannette reallocation is not precluded by the Commission's Freeze Order on the acceptance of certain petitions for rulemaking proposing to amend the Television Table of

Allotments because the Jeannette, Pennsylvania, proposal would not result in a new allotment, but merely the reallocation of an existing allotment . See Sixth Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in MM Docket No. 87-268, 11 FCC Rcd 10968, 10992 (1996). The Allocations Branch also proposed to modify WTWB(TV)'s license to specify operation on Channel 19 at Jeannette, Pennsylvania.

VTG filed its Comments in this proceeding on the May 12, 1997 deadline date established by the Allocations Branch in its Notice of Proposed Rule Making. No other parties filed any competing expressions of interest or any oppositions to the proposed Jeannette reallocation.

Submitted as an attachment hereto is a photocopy of a June 25, 1997 letter to the Commission's Acting Secretary from Congressman Ron Klink, who is a Member of the Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection of the Committee on Commerce of the U.S. House of Representatives. This is the Subcommittee which has, inter alia, jurisdiction over legislative matters pertaining to the Commission. In his annexed letter, Congressman Klink notes that he is writing to express his strong support for, and to request the expedited Commission grant of, the reassignment of UHF Channel 19 from Johnstown to Jeannette, Pennsylvania.

As noted in his enclosed letter, Jeannette is in Congressman Klink's Congressional District, and, for this reason, he expresses his strong support in the reallocation of Channel 19 to

Jeannette. Congressman Klink notes his understanding that several previous licensees of what is now WTWB(TV) (Channel 19), Johnstown, Pennsylvania, have been unsuccessful in their efforts to broadcast in Johnstown. Continued operation of a television station on UHF Channel 19 in the area therefore requires reassignment of the station's license from the community of Johnstown to Jeannette. Congressman Klink states in his letter that he believes that the reassignment should be adopted by the Commission in the interest of having a viable broadcaster operating on Channel 19 in Western Pennsylvania.

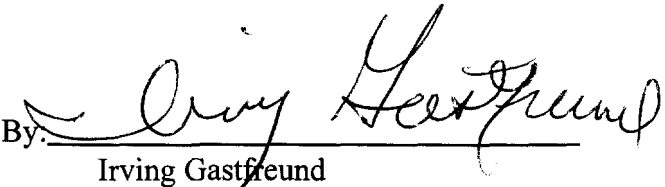
Furthermore, Congressman Klink notes in his annexed letter that the Petition For Rulemaking filed by VTG with respect to the proposed reallocation of Channel 19 to Jeannette was initially filed with the Commission on January 31, 1996 -- i.e., well over a year ago. In addition, Congressman Klink notes that, with the fall programming season fast approaching, WTWB(TV) must soon begin to make important programming decisions. Therefore, Congressman Klink urges, in his enclosed letter, that the Commission approve the proposed reallocation of Channel 19 to Jeannette, Pennsylvania on an expedited basis, preferably by July 15, 1997.

As is noted in the enclosed letter, the proposed reallocation of Channel 19 is unopposed and makes good sense from an economic and broadcasting standpoint. The proposal has now been in process for approximately one and one-half years. Consequently, Congressman Klink urges the Commission to change the allocation of Channel 19 from Johnstown to Jeannette, Pennsylvania, as expeditiously as possible.

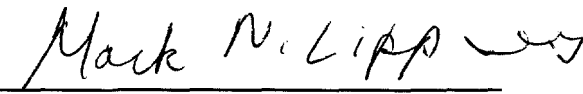
Based on all the foregoing, VTG respectfully urges the Commission to formally accept the enclosed submission into the record in this proceeding and to expeditiously reallocate Channel 19 from Johnstown to Jeannette, Pennsylvania, preferably by July 15, 1997.¹

Respectfully submitted

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¹ It should be noted, in this regard, that no legal impediment exists which would prevent expeditious grant of the reallocation proposed by the Mass Media Bureau. In this regard, the Notice of Proposed Rule Making in this proceeding noted that "[s]ince Jeannette is located 400 kilometers (250 miles) of the U.S. Canadian border, concurrence of the Canadian government has been requested". Notice of Proposed Rule Making, *supra*, slip op. at 2. The staff of the Commission's International Bureau has informally advised that Canadian concurrence to the proposed reallocation to Jeannette has already been obtained by the Commission.

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Dear Mr. Caton:

As a member of the Commerce Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection, I am writing to express my strong support for, and request the expedited grant of, the reassignment of UHF Television Channel 19 (WTWB) from Johnstown, PA to Jeannette, PA (MM Docket No. 97-96, RM-87-56).

Because Jeannette is in my Congressional District, I obviously have a strong interest in the reassignment of Channel 19. However, it is also my understanding that several previous owners of Channel 19 have been unsuccessful trying to broadcast in Johnstown. The current owner maintains that continued operation of Channel 19 requires reassignment of the license. In the interest of having a viable broadcaster at Channel 19 in Western Pennsylvania, I believe the reassignment should be granted.

Furthermore, the petition for Channel 19's reallocation was initially filed with the FCC on January 31, 1996, well over a year ago. In addition, with the fall programming season fast approaching, WTWB must soon begin to make important programming decisions. Therefore, I believe that approval of the Channel 19 reassignment should be expedited, preferably by July 15.

The reassignment of Channel 19 is unopposed and makes good sense from both an economic and broadcasting standpoint. It has been in the works for over 17 months. I respectfully urge the Commission change the allotment of Channel 19 from Johnstown to Jeannette as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

RON KLINK
Member of Congress

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Mary Odder, a secretary in the law firm of Kaye, Scholer, Fierman, Hays & Handler, LLP, do hereby certify that I have on this 27th day of June, 1997, caused copies of the foregoing Supplemental Submission of Venture Technologies Group, Inc. to be hand-delivered to the following individuals:

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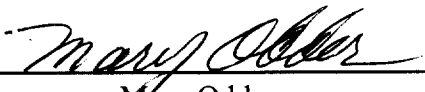
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